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Amendments To The Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently amended) A steering drive for an industrial truck, comprising a steered wheel which is rotatably supported about a horizontal axis in a bearing component wherein the bearing component is pivotally supported about a vertical axis and has a ring gear, and a steering motor which drives a pinion meshing with the ring gear, the ring gear being composed of two adjacent gear discs which define a circumferential groove in ~~[[their]]~~ a gear disc contacting area, a ring-shaped noise absorbing member of a resilient material being accommodated by the groove so that the teeth of the ~~ring-gear~~ pinion engage the noise absorbing member.

Claim 2. (Currently amended) The steering drive as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the ring gear ~~[[(10)]]~~ is defined by two adjacent tooth lock washers (26, 28) which define ~~[[the]]~~ a groove ~~[[(30)]]~~ in ~~[[the]]~~ a lock washers contacting area.

Claim 3. (Currently amended) The steering drive as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the ring-shaped noise absorbing member ~~[[(32)]]~~ is defined by an O-ring.